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**County News.****ADDISON.**

Among the many important events of the nineteenth century, the one most notable took place at the residence of S. W. Elmer, in this town, on the 15th of December, in the form of a double wedding. The parties most interested were Horace Elmer and Martha Dewey, Erwin Adams and Hattie Elmer. The brides' dresses were of creamy albatross and velvet, and were made exactly alike. Misses A. Belle and Mary J. Elmer were bridesmaids. Miss Esther, sister of the bride, deserves much praise. She did her best to beautify the bride. Nearly one hundred friends, relatives and neighbors were present, not only to see the "twins," but to partake of a "good square meal," as the minister said. Escalloped oysters, cold meats, pickles, coffee, biscuit, fruit, white, gold, coconut and angel cake were served. Many valuable presents were sent in. The near neighbors presented both brides with a silver pickle caster, butter-knife and sugar-spoon. Among other presents were a tea-set, chamber-set, silver knives and forks, fruit knives, lamps, glassware, handsome variety of towels, lemonade-set, bedspreads, tablecloths and napkins, bread-and-milk sets and chocolate sets, also two brooms, advising them to use the bushy end in sunshine, in storms the other end. Although it was a stormy day, the brooms were not in demand, but the weather kept far-away friends from having a jolly time at a double wedding.

**BIRDPORT.**

Regular communication of Morning Sun lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M., on Wednesday afternoon, January 5, 1887, at 2 o'clock; work on the 1st and 3d degrees.

**EAST MIDDLEBURY.**

The installation of the officers-elect of Needham post, G. A. R., will be held at Good Templars' hall on the evening of Jan. 6; the exercises will include singing and music, prayer, installation of officers, recitations by Misses Taylor, Ellis, Day and Maynard, and address by Rev. S. W. Bidwell. Remarks are also expected from Messrs. Taylor, Hurlburt and Chandler and Dr. Powers. The exercises will close with music by the choir and the benediction. All are invited.

**CORNWALL.**

Next Sabbath the pastor will give his people a New Year's sermon.

Miss Emory Griswold of Brattleboro is visiting friends at the old homestead and its vicinity.

Quite a large quantity of wood from South Cornwall is being sold and drawn to the lime kiln at Leicester Junction.

Last Sunday was election of officers in the Congregational Sabbath school. The records show 200 members, with an average attendance of 100.

Mrs. Henry Lane had the misfortune to fall upon an icy piazza, a few days since, spraining her wrist badly and fracturing one of the bones.

Next week the commencement of the new year will be observed as a week of prayer and the hall will be open for services every evening during the week.

Monday evening last a lyceum club was formed in town and the following officers elected: I. L. Hamblin, president; C. E. Sampson, secretary; Norman W. Frost, treasurer.

Miss Grace Stebbins, youngest daughter of Rev. M. C. Stebbins, left town last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Wm. Taylor of Springfield, Mass.; and after a brief visit is to go to Abner, Mass., where she expects to remain during the winter with an uncle.

A class of ladies in the Congregational Sabbath school, numbering over twenty, under the kind instruction of Miss Abbie Matthews, accompanied by their husbands, surprised their teacher at her pleasant home on Wednesday evening of last week by a visit. Miss Matthews has held the position as teacher in the Sabbath school over 30 years and is much respected by all her class. The evening was spent in the most social manner; refreshments were served by the guests.

**LINCOLN.**

[Deferred from last week.] Mrs. Lucy A. Whittier is very low with pneumonia.

George Guindon is confined to his bed with diphtheria.

Mrs. Thomas Smith had a shock of paralysis, Monday night, leaving her left side wholly paralyzed.

W. R. Stearns, the new clerk at the post-office, has worked up quite a business as newspaper agent.

The lumber business is now at its best and every owner of a team can find plenty of work and good pay.

The teachers and scholars of the Center and Corner school districts met on the Lee hill Tuesday and spent an hour merrily in coasting.

A mutual-admiration society was formed, Wednesday evening, by Mr. A. N. Green, of the firm of Gove & Green, and Miss Mary H. Beers of Monkton.

Mrs. Daniel Gove, aged 70 years, fell on the floor, Monday, and broke her right leg at the hip joint. The doctors consider it a very serious case.

Will Kirby broke his leg a little below the knee, last Wednesday, while working in the woods. He lay with his leg under a log nearly two hours before assistance came to release him.

**NEW HAVEN.**

Senator Nash was quite sick last week, but when last heard from was better.

The enthusiasm in the cantata matter does not seem to be quite universal here. C. H. Wicker's youngest son, Charles, residing in Hastings, Neb., is expected home soon.

Nelson W. Partch has been alarmingly ill for two or three weeks, and the result is considered uncertain.

G. D. Hinman had a fall, a few days since, and as a consequence carried an empty sleeve. His arm is recovering, however.

The school in district No. 2 has been closed for two weeks by reason of the sickness of the teacher, Miss Orvis, who has resigned her position.

The sum of \$10 was this week forwarded as the gift of the children of the Sabbath-school to the Congregational church at Melville, Dakota.

If the entertainment to be given by the "No Name" dramatic club, January 14, receives the patronage it should, it will be a red-letter day, financially, for the band, for whose benefit it is given.

**PANTON.**

Mrs. H. N. White of Rutland is in town spending the holidays with her many friends.

Eugene Storms is sick with rheumatism, having been unable to go out for several weeks.

Mrs. Hoxsie of Colchester is teaching the school at the Corners, and Miss Flora Grandey is teaching her fourth term in the south stone schoolhouse.

Mrs. Place, a mind cure or magnetic physician, has been at Isbon Allen's, where a large number of the afflicted visited her last Thursday. One would scarcely imagine so many healthy-looking persons were so afflicted by disease.

The weather last Friday evening was a little moist, to say the least, but the M. E. church was filled to its utmost capacity by those who went to admire the beautiful tree and witness the distribution of presents. The exercises were opened with prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Mott, followed by music by the choir and speaking by the smaller children of the school and recitations by a few young ladies. Cora Stagg, Susie Holcomb, Helen Adams and Charlie Child neatly sang a Christmas song, accompanied by Miss Mott on the organ, while little Willie Barto brought out the smiles and smoothed the wrinkles on many a face by her recitation of "Bald-headed Billy, My One-Legged Doll." After these brief exercises the tree was divested of its fruit and found to contain many valuable and useful articles, including a splendid hanging lamp for Dr. Towseley, the superintendent, and a nice present we believe for every teacher in the school. Abram Harris, an old resident and a long-time postmaster, was kindly remembered and completely surprised when the young men walked into his residence with a barrel of flour and a roll of butter and six silver dollars found on the tree for him; he also received a suit of clothes from Mrs. Cynthia (Adams) Davis of Worcester, Mass., and a dollar from another source, for all of which he is truly grateful to Santa Claus. Altogether it was a very pleasant affair and voted an entire success.

**SHOREHAM.**

Miss Nellie Tottingham is spending a few weeks in Manchester.

Loren Larrabee, who has been sick for several weeks, is getting better.

On Sunday, December 26, our efficient Sunday-school superintendent, R. H. Holmes, conducted an interesting review lesson for the benefit of the whole school. A committee was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

A Sabbath-school concert was given in the Congregational church last Saturday evening—a very appropriate Christmas exercise. Back of the pulpit was placed in cedar letters these words: "That Sweet Old Story of Old; Tell it; Tell it Simply; Tell it Often." The acting pastor, Rev. E. J. Klock, added not a little to the entertainment by reading a Christmas story written by himself.

**VERGENNES.**

The parochial school held a public examination Thursday.

L. Bartley sold out his stock of tinware, stoves, etc., at auction, Tuesday.

The graded school closed Friday, with a public examination, until after New Year's.

W. C. Bradbury of Boston spent Christmas with his mother and sisters in the old homestead in Vergennes.

C. Hutchinson has returned from Springfield, Mass., and taken charge of the boot and shoe department of N. J. McCuen's store.

A very pleasant wedding anniversary was held at the residence of Mr. Champion Burge and wife, Thursday evening. It was the second anniversary of their marriage.

The unfavorable weather was not encouraging to trade, the last of the week. The market shows no improvement in prices. There is some movement in hay. Snowflake potatoes are being held in reserve for better prices.

Christmas week was a phenomenal one for business and pleasure. The stores were well supplied with all the varied attractions peculiar to the season, from the historic stick of candy for the youngest to the sea skin sack for the belle of "our town." Christmas trees grew to

prominence in a day, in the various churches, and in many private houses. The State school was a point of great interest to the members of the institution, and the public. The unfavorable weather "the night before Christmas," kept many from participating in the attractive festivities at the school. Grand preparations were made for the reception of Kris Kringle. There was the palace of the ice king, represented in all its tridrig beauty. Evergreen trimmings, and Christmas trees for the stage, with their bending load of attractive gifts, were beautiful to look upon. The cantata, entitled "Santa Claus' Home," was rendered by the musical talent of the school, and would have reflected credit on all. The remarks by Rev. Mr. Robertson were excellent. He thought the entertainment superior, and the school exercises of a high order. The distribution of the gifts was a source of real enjoyment to giver and recipient. Supt. Healey and wife were presented a fine oil painting by the officers of the school, all which tended to show the harmony and good will existing between the superintendent and officers. Miss Smith presided at the piano. The occasion was suggestive of the discipline and general temper of the school, under its present management, and was highly complimentary to officers and scholars.

**WHITING.**

Jay Wooster is cutting off about 600 cords of wood from his swamp. The wood is for Swinington's lime kiln.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, Rev. G. C. Shirk delivered a lecture on "Kossuth and the Hungarian Struggle for Liberty" to an attentive audience. Mr. Shirk handled the subject in an able and interesting manner, showing his familiarity with and mastery of the subject. The lecture is among the best ever delivered in this vicinity and showed deep study and natural ability.

A very pleasant party of over 100 of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Almer A. Pond gathered at their residence on Saturday evening, Dec. 25, it being the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. After all were assembled A. H. Hubbard, in behalf of their many friends, presented them with some fine tokens of respect and esteem. Congratulations were then in order, which were heartily bestowed, after which refreshments were served. The occasion was a pleasant one. It was a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Pond. At an early hour the guests dispersed, with many kind wishes for the prosperity and happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Pond.

The entertainments announced for Christmas Eve were a decided success. Notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather, the church was filled to its utmost capacity. Large delegations were present from the adjoining towns, all socially inclined, and prepared to enjoy the double feast which they found awaiting them. The musical entertainment, under the direction of A. H. Hubbard, Esq., was well received. The cantata selected was a fine one, and well calculated to enlist and interest all ages. All had their parts to perform, and when age and opportunities for musical and theatrical development are considered, it would not be an easy matter to determine which performed their parts most creditably, the choir or the children. The prattling boy, who sang his evening hymn and prayer, kneeling at his mother's side; the bashful child, who played "Home, Sweet Home" so accurately on her harmonica, unaccompanied, except by two small boys, who beat time on their toy drums; the three fairies, who rendered their parts so well, both alone, and in concert; the little girl who feigned surprise so naturally, on meeting the "Frost King," instead of "Santa Claus," and her happy greeting of the latter, when he came; the jolly rout of boys and girls, who surrounded both; and even the "babel" of discordant sounds, gotten up as a concert of instrumental music, by the children for Santa's entertainment, all gave evidence of thorough drill and discipline. The previous reputation for superior musical talent, possessed by the young people of Whiting, was more than sustained, if we may judge by the many enthusiastic expressions of approval brought out by the occasion.

We might speak more in detail of individual performances, of solos, both vocal and instrumental, of the personations of "Santa Claus," "Frost King," etc., but invidious distinctions would be highly improper where all performed their parts so well.

The social gathering and supper in the ladies' rooms were equally pleasant features of the occasion. In consequence of the lateness of the hour, many felt the necessity of leaving for their homes, yet over 250 remained and partook of the characteristically bountiful feast served by the ladies. The receipts, we are told, amounted to over \$50, and would have been much more had not the children of the Sabbath school been treated, as usual, to a free supper. During the past season the Ladies' Aid society has expended, nearly, or quite \$350, mainly in the fitting up and furnishing the rooms which they occupy. Their culinary department is especially well arranged and equipped with all the appliances necessary for the easy entertainment of a large number of guests.

The avails of the supper of which we have spoken will be applied to the liquidation of the debt incurred in this work and we are pleased to announce to the friends of the cause in which they are engaged that but a small balance now remains unpaid.

The experiences of the last three years have, we trust, demonstrated the fact that a debt which either directly, or indirectly stimulates to intellectual, social and musical development in a people is but a blessing in disguise. Will not the ladies of Whiting go on with their good work and contract more such debts.

**WEST ADDISON.**

Miss Jennie Oleott is the guest of Miss Cora Strong.

Mrs. William Sprague is suffering with the whooping-cough.

Prentiss Hoyt and Leslie Raine are spending the holidays at home.

Maud Tatroau is at home. She has been attending school at Vergennes.

Mrs. John Tatroau intends visiting friends and relatives in Canada soon.

The people in this vicinity met at the Vanderhoof school-house, Monday night, to organize a singingschool. Rev. Mr. Lincoln is to act as teacher.

A man from Crown Point, N. Y., came very near drowning while skating, Tuesday morning. He broke through the ice, but was seen and promptly rescued.

The team of Burr Conn ran away, Monday, near John Wright's, at Chimney Point. One of the horses was injured so badly that it died in a few hours. The same day, as a Mr. Graham of Mineville, N. Y., was crossing the lake near Chimney Point, his horse broke through the ice and was drowned. Both horses were quite valuable.

**WEST CORNWALL.**

Will Sessions spent Christmas at his father's in East Middlebury.

E. C. Bacon and wife of Waltham were at H. C. Bingham's over Sunday.

Gains and Nellie Collamer of Bristol were at B. F. Haskell's for a visit last Friday.

Services were held at the Baptist church last Sunday evening, which were very interesting and well attended.

Several from our town went to Whiting Christmas eve, to attend the exercises held there and the chicken-pie supper.

Mrs. C. A. Flanders of Pittsford was home over Christmas and there was a family gathering at her father's, E. Sanford.

T. Wissel and wife of Pantan, and Mrs. E. Norton, son and daughter of the same place were at Warren Norton's for Christmas.

**WEYBRIDGE.**

Miss Lizzie Stewart is quite feeble, although very comfortable.

Prof. Martin and wife spent Christmas at her father's, Col. W. B. Hurlburt.

Miss Betsey Dalrymple is quite low and will not live long unless there is a change.

The name of our post-office has been changed from "Weybridge Lower Falls" to "Weybridge," simply.

Miss Cardie Sprigg arrived home on Saturday from Bennington, where she has attended school during the fall term.

"Uncle Sterling" has come again. At 82 years of age he is quite well, and able to get around among his friends.

A. J. Stowe held a large Christmas gathering at his residence. Among the many present were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stowe of St. Albans.

The east mill-dam, at the village, is considerably damaged by high water, and its condition is likely to retard if not stop business entirely.

Quarterly meeting at the M. E. church one week from next Sunday; preaching at 2 p. m. by Presiding Elder Bennett; quarterly conference on Monday at 9 a. m. A full attendance of the official members is requested.

Wilbur D. Sturtevant, so well known here, and who has been of late fitting for business at the Albany Business college, has obtained a situation at the Delaware & Hudson Canal company's office, at that place, under Superintendent Farlin. This is a very desirable position, and Mr. Sturtevant is no doubt under great obligation to his friend, Grant Sprague (who is first clerk in the same office) for his influence. The managers of the college speak in high terms of Mr. Sturtevant's deportment and progress in his studies while there, and he will no doubt do his best to make his mark in this his first attempt at business. He made a flying Christmas visit to his native town, returning on Monday last.

The Y. W. C. T. U. of Weybridge will hold their next parlor meeting at the residence of Mr. Asahel Richards on Wednesday evening, January 5. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Christmas tree at the M. E. church on Friday evening last was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the sort ever had here. The declamations and recitations were well given. The singing was very good and the tree was as fine and well filled as any ever put up here. Every one seemed satisfied with the number and quality of their presents. Among other things that were given were a splendid cabinet photograph album from the Sabbath-school to the superintendent, M. N. Baker; Messrs. Stewart, Newton, Sturtevant and Mrs. Hurlburt, nice Bibles from their classes; a writing desk to Mrs. Sadie Whitman, from her class; A. J. Stowe received a testimonial from his class, also, as did Miss Delevan, the pastor. Everything passed off in the usual good way.

**State News.**

Rutland's toboggan slide is completed. D. F. Quinn shot a silver-gray fox in Huntington the other day.

James Butterly of Rutland has been granted a pension of \$24 a month and arrears of \$1240.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrill Gates of Felchville have just observed the 60th anniversary of their wedding.

Jennie Saxton, charged with forgery, has been bailed in \$800 and discharged from jail at Burlington.

The Burlington Clipper has been purchased by Mayor Woodbury and J. E. Harris, and the latter will edit it.

A stock company has been organized at Montpelier with a capital stock of \$300 for building a toboggan slide there.

Taft, Morgan & Co. of Burlington have shipped five carloads of doors, window frames and sash, which are to go to Africa, near Cape Town.

George Houghton of Brattleboro' was thrown from a sleigh last week, and had his hip and leg broken in a way that will perhaps cripple him for life.

Proctor people are endeavoring to secure a physician of their own. They are compelled to send to Rutland now when medical assistance is required.

President Cleveland has nominated these Vermont postmasters: Asa M. Dickey, Bradford; Dudley C. Brown, Brandon; Warren L. Howard, Fairhaven; Moses B. Thresher, Newport.

Eddie Stillman, aged 10, was instantly killed and a boy named Stone was probably fatally injured at South Pownal by the collision of their two sleds. Another boy named Champney had his leg broken.

Dr. E. A. Smith of Brandon lost 70 sheep this fall on his mountain pasture. Some of them were valuable registered stock. Whether they were stolen or have strayed away is not known.

James Fitzgerald of Bennington, in whose saloon Fred Jewett was found dead recently, has been fined for 20 offenses of selling, which with costs amounted to \$215.25, which he immediately paid.

Rev. F. Widmer of Rutland delivered the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of the Normal school at Castleton on Sunday. There are 150 students in the school, 14 in the graduating class.

"A revival of great interest is now in progress in North Ferrisburgh," says an exchange; "nearly all the young people of the Methodist congregation having been converted. Miss Woodbury is helping the pastor."

Miss Eagan, mother superior of St. Michael's Catholic school at Montpelier, fell, the other evening, while carrying some boiling water upstairs and her face and body were terribly scalded, though her injuries are not deemed fatal.

Col. Alfred A. Hall of St. Albans, past grand commander of Vermont, has recently been commissioned, by General Charles Roome, grand master of Knights Templar in the United States, deputy for the second Masonic district, comprising Vermont, Connecticut and New York.

The State board of agriculture will hold a meeting with the farmers of Pittsford Thursday and Friday, Jan. 6 and 7, and a meeting at Chester Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 5 and 6. In each case there will be an interesting programme, and leading agriculturists of the vicinity will take part.

The steel steamer which the Champlain Transportation company proposes to begin building next summer is to surpass in her appointments every vessel on the lake. She is to be 200 feet in length, with water-tight compartments, and all the latest devices for insuring safety and comfort. She will draw but four feet of water, and her estimated speed is 20 miles an hour. The dining saloon will be on the main deck. The steamer will be ready for the business of the season of 1888.

The Burlington Home for Aged Women, incorporated at the last session of the Legislature, has organized with the choice of the following named officers: President, Torrey E. Wales; vice president, Laura M. Gray; secretary, Jennie Stacy; treasurer, L. E. Woodhouse. The trustees of the home are Torrey E. Wales, Edward Wells, Volney G. Barbour, Charles P. Smith, Lorenzo E. Woodhouse, Mary C. Wheeler, Laura M. Gray, Jennie Stacy, Faustina W. Linsley and Alma M. Bingham. The home has no funds, but relies on the charitable for its support.

Post commanders, G. A. R., have been elected as follows: Rutland, E. H. Webster; Dorset, J. Connell; St. Albans, E. W. Bordo; St. Johnsbury, Dennis E. May; Brookfield, Cassius Peck; West Randolph, A. A. Smith; South Royalton, J. W. Waldo; Chelsea, W. H. H. Hall; Tunbridge, Henry R. Hayward; Fair Haven, James R. Tillotson; Northfield, W. W. Holden; Waterbury Centre, L. O. Freeman; Hardwick, G. W. Bridgman; Swanton, G. F. Atwood; Cambridge, J. G. Morse; Woodstock, W. C. Whipple; White River Junction, A. W. Davis; Lincoln, E. H. James; Lowell, W. W. Wakenfield.